

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Photos by Randy Murray

Visitors to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum are invited to step back in time and experience the history of a remembered era.

Step back in time with the Mighty Eighth

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Public Affairs Specialist

“The 8th Air Force didn’t win World War II,” Heather ‘Rosie the Riveter’ Thies told a group of 5th-graders from Savannah’s Georgetown Elementary School half way into her ‘Home Front’ class and guided tour of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. “But the 8th Air Force did help shorten the War.”

Dressed in a starched white shirt and blue overalls and wearing a red bandanna tied around the top of her head, Thies, a former school teacher now education director for the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, brought history to life for the students in her tour group.

When Thies inadvertently stepped in front of a poster of the tough lady mechanic who personified the rugged determination of America’s wartime workforce that included six million women, it was as if the cartoon heroine had come to life. For the students in her tour group, it was a history lesson they’ll not easily forget.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force was activated in downtown Savannah in 1942 then shortly thereafter deployed to England where the strategic bomber squadron remained until the end of World War II. The nearly 90,000-square foot facility that sits on 13 acres in Pooler, Ga. is a reality today, thanks to the vision and determination of Air Force Maj. Gen. Lewis E. Lyle, a B-17 bomber pilot who flew over 70 combat

missions during World War II.

In 1983 Lyle began planning for a museum to honor the men and women who helped win the war by serving in or supporting the largest air armada in history – the 8th Air Force.

In addition to the theater presentations and guided tours by staff and museum volunteers like living 8th Air Force hero and B-17 bombardier, Jack Young, the museum’s Mission Experience contains World War II-era aircraft, interactive exhibits like a turret gunner’s hub, static displays like a POW camp, and artifacts such as American and Nazi uniforms, flags and weapons.

Replicas and murals depicting the B-17 and B-24 bombers and P-38, P-47 and especially the P-51 Mustang fighters can be found throughout the museum as these war machines and the men who flew or served on them were the tools used to defeat Nazi aggression in Europe.

Outside, museum visitors can walk through the Memorial Gardens or visit the Chapel of the Fallen Eagles, a replica of a 16th Century Old English village church.

Lunchtime is also an education experience for visitors at the Crown and Eagle Pub, a replica of the English pubs frequented by American pilots during the war. And no visit to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum would be complete without stopping by the Museum Store for souvenirs such as art, books and other mementos.



Heather “Rosie the Riveter” Thies helps visiting school children relive the World War II experience at the Mighty-Eighth Air Force Museum.

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The Mighty Eighth Air Force museum is located at exit 102 on I-95. It’s open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except New Year’s Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 can enter free if accompanied by an adult. Discount group rates are available. The museum is handicap accessible.

In addition to group and single visitor tours, the museum also has special programs like birthday parties for youth and young-at-heart.

Thies is even developing programs to increase Boy and Girl Scout attendance that includes courses that could earn scouts merit badges.

For more information about the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, call 748-8888 or visit www.mightyeighth.org.

Community members team up for National Night Out

Pat Young
Managing Editor

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield joined Hinesville and Liberty County in community partnership to help prevent crime and increase awareness at the 25th annual National Night Out held at Bradwell Park, Aug. 2.

The Family-oriented event featured a street dance, children’s story time, child-safety fingerprinting, and booths providing safety and back-to-school supplies.

Stewart-Hunter provided the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation stage; military police traffic tower static display; a Driving Under the Influence simulator; and information booths on motorcycle safety, wildlife conservation, and Drug Awareness Resistance and Education.

Sgt. Randall Thompson and Sgt. Arthur Barron spoke to parents and children about avoiding drugs and bad influences like gangs, and handed out school supplies. Barron said parents can help thier children by visiting their respective schools – particularly in the upcoming open houses.

Sgt. Mellisa Devore, 139th Military Police, visited the NNO with her husband Shawn, and children Tyler, 11; Evan, 3; and 11-month-old Ashton.

“It was a bit of a culture shock, returning from

Germany,” Devore said about national crime trends. She noted the NNO was helpful in that it provided information and school supplies, including bicycle locks from the DARE display.

“Parents should meet with school administrators,” Barron said. “It would help them learn what expectations there are.” Barron said.

Directorate of Emergency Services representative Steve Podmore attended the event and commented on the partnership between Stewart-Hunter and Hinesville.

“The installation enjoys a close relationship with Hinesville/Liberty County,” Podmore said. “The bond strengthens community relations while deterring bad influences.”

Another booth, which focused on increasing cooperation was the Hinesville Police Citizen’s Academy, which was operated by the academy’s first graduates, Maria Fragosa, John Clark and Mark Moses-Hunt.

Hinesville Police Officer Joseph Madison, proponent for the academy, encouraged community members, both military and civilian to take a look at the opportunities provided by the Citizen’s Academy.

The academy, open to all Hinesville residents 18 and older with no criminal record, teaches police department structure and administrative operations, criminal law and investigation, traffic law and investigation as well as community policing practices. Madison said academy students were able to sign up to ride along with police officers.

The purpose was to acquaint residents with the organization and mission of police, and promote good will, mutual understanding and encourage community support. Madison said people wishing to learn more about the Citizen’s Academy could call 368-8211.

Community involvement was a central theme throughout the National Night Out, and event organizer, Hinesville Crime Prevention Officer John Williams said it was nice to see the community get together to take a bite out of crime.

Hinesville Police Captain Johnetta Reid agreed with Williams and shared her thoughts on the event.

“It is important to give neighbors and friends a chance to get together and provide opportunities to join together and work as a community on important issues such as crime prevention,” Reid said.

Reid thanked attendees, and community partners like the local businesses who gave back to the community, and were vital members to the entire team.



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Sgt. Mellisa Devore, 139th MP, who visited the NNO with her husband Shawn, and children Tyler, 11; Evan, 3; and 11-month-old Ashton speaks to DES School Resource Officers Sgt. Randall Thompson and Sgt. Arthur Barron, who also provide DARE mementos.



Steve Podmore

Jodie Feagin drives the DUI simulator with Fort Stewart police officer, Sgt. Michael Chastine, Aug. 2 in Bradwell Park as part of the National Night Out.



Pat Young

Chris McCormick, installation safety office, speaks to NNO attendees Aug. 2 about motorcycle safety.

MWR Briefs

Play golf after work

Attention all military, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and non-DoD civilians! Come to Happy Hour at Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Club! Both courses will offer special twilight rates, starting at 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information and special rates, call 767-2370 (Stewart) or 315-9115 (Hunter).

Come to Marne Call

Friends and co-workers are invited to Marne Call every Friday afternoon at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield clubs. Come and enjoy food, karaoke, card games and more in a fun and relaxed environment. Fort Stewart Marne Call is 5 to 10 p.m., at Rocket's Lounge. Hunter's Marne Call is 4 to 7 p.m. at Hunter Club. For more information, call 368-2212.

Register for Operation Rising Star

Tune up those vocal cords and steady those nerves. The first round of Operation Rising Star competition for competitors from Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 14 at Rocky's. During Round 1, the elimination round, each contestant will be asked to perform a song a cappella (props and musical accompaniment will not be allowed). At the final competition, scheduled at 7 p.m., Sept. 11 at Rocky's, contestants will be judged by a local panel of judges and audience members. To register, visit the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers office in Rocky's or call 767-4316. Registration will close Aug. 11. BOSS staff members are helping to stage the competition active duty,

National Guard, Reserves (from any branch of Service), and Family members (ages 18 and over with valid military identification) are eligible to participate.

For more information, or to download an application, go to www.oprisingstar.com.

Club Stewart holds cooking class

Youth (ages 5-12) are invited to join Hunter 3 to 5 p.m., Aug. 10, for an afternoon of fun with games, crafts and more. The cost is \$5 per child. Space is limited. Reservations are required. For more information, call 368-2212.

Catch the UFC fight

Department of Defense identification cardholders are invited to Rocky's at 10 p.m., Saturday to watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship 87 Seek and Destroy live on Pay-Per-View. Come see who's the world's best welterweight Saint Pierre versus Fitch, also featuring Florian vs Huerta, plus Lesnar vs Herring. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-8715.

Trip to Myrtle Beach scheduled

The Leisure Travel Office of the Leisure Activities Center is accepting registrations until Aug. 13 from those who wish to travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., Aug. 15-17 for a weekend of fun.

Trip departs from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers. The \$300 cost includes bus transportation and hotel room for 1-4 people. Optional attractions include Ripley's Aquarium and Family Kingdom Theme and Water Park. For more information, call 315-3674 or 767-8609

Army Community Service New Parent Support Program

Play Group Playmates

For children ages 0-5 and their parents

Lots of toys and happy noise with delightful Army girls and boys!

Fort Stewart: Each Tuesday and Thursday

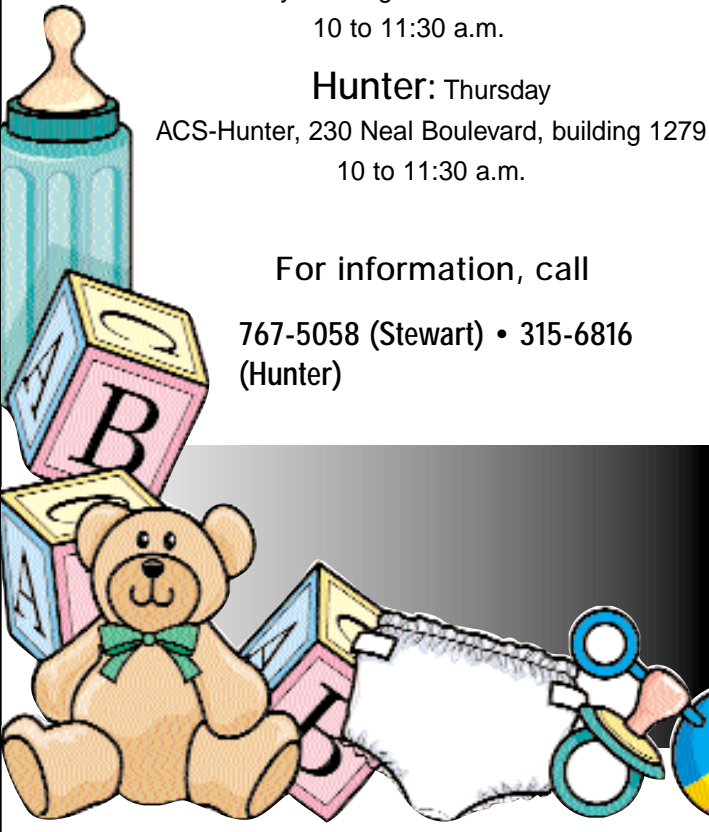
Bryan Village Youth Center
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Hunter: Thursday

ACS-Hunter, 230 Neal Boulevard, building 1279
10 to 11:30 a.m.

For information, call

767-5058 (Stewart) • 315-6816 (Hunter)



Pets of the Week



Ellenore the cat and Toby the dog are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



Find a deal at the Shop of the Marne

Stop by Shop of the Marne Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or the first Saturday of the month. The Shop is located in building 25 off McNeely Road behind the PX. Come park in our newly created parking lot right in front of the Shop!



A A F E S P R E S E N T S

TODAY THROUGH AUG 13



The Love Guru

Today — 7 p.m.
(Mike Myers, Jessica Alba)

Pitka is an American who was left at the gates of an ashram in India as a child and raised by gurus. He moves back to the U.S. to seek fame and fortune in the world of self-help and spirituality. His unorthodox methods are put to the test when he must settle a rift between Toronto Maple Leafs star hockey player Darren Roanoke and his estranged wife. After the split, Roanoke's wife starts dating L.A. Kings star Jacques Grande out of revenge, sending her husband into a major professional skid - to the horror of the teams' owner Jane Bullard and Coach Cherkov (Verne Troyer). Pitka must return the couple to marital nirvana and get Roanoke back on his game so the team can break the 40-year-old "Bullard Curse" and win the Stanley Cup. *Rated PG-13 (crude/sexual content throughout, language, comic violence/ drug references) 88 min*

Wanted

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.
(James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman)

25-year-old Wes was the most disaffected, cube-dwelling drone the planet had ever known. Then he meets a woman named Fox. After his estranged father is murdered, the deadly sexy Fox recruits Wes into the Fraternity, a secret society that trains Wes to avenge his dad's death by unlocking his dormant powers. With wickedly brilliant tutors--including the Fraternity's enigmatic leader, Sloan--Wes grows to enjoy all the strength he ever wanted. But, slowly, he begins to realize there is more to his dangerous associates than meets the eye. *Rated R (strong bloody violence, pervasive language, sexuality) 110 min*

Kitt Kitteridge: An American Girl

Sunday — 7 p.m.
(Abigail Breslin, Stanley Tucci)

Aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge can't resist bringing home strays, whether it's Grace, an abandoned basset

hound, or Will and Countee, a pair of young hobos willing to trade work for meals. Bright, inquisitive and generous, Kit is a natural born leader. But her happy childhood is abruptly interrupted when her father loses his car dealership and must leave Cincinnati to look for work. Kit and her mother Margaret are left to manage on their own, growing vegetables, selling eggs and even taking in an assortment of boarders. *Rated G 101 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Periodic health assessment deadline is Nov 1

Special to the Frontline

The Periodic Health Assessment is an annual screening that assesses the readiness and deployability of Soldiers. The PHA replaces the periodic five-year physical and previous cardiovascular screening programs. The PHA is a force-multiplier providing commanders with up-to-date medical status of Soldiers and a ready and deployable team. The PHA officially went into practice in November of 2006. Already, 60 percent of Soldiers have completed their PHA. The remaining Soldiers need to complete their PHA by Nov. 1.

How does the PHA work?

The PHA is a three part process: the Soldier completes an online questionnaire, then medical staff updates data and performs screening and counseling. The provider performs a symptom-focused exam, assigns PULHES, and completes the PHA process.

During the initial online questionnaire, Soldiers report any current medical or dental problems as well as their Family history.

All redeploying Soldiers will complete the PHA as part of the post deployment health reassessment during medical reset during 90-180 days following return from deployment.

The PHA is geared towards preventative measures. For example, Soldiers over the age of 40 will be screened thoroughly for heart problems. If the PHA finds risk factors, medical professionals can work to mitigate those factors.

What is the PHA deadline?

Nov. 1 is the deadline. After that time, Soldiers who are noncompliant will be listed as non-available in the unit status report. A non-available listing lowers the deployability of the unit. Commanders cannot have a high level of readiness if Soldiers are listed as non-available.

Why is this important to the Army?

The decision to move to an annual assessment was based upon national research and policy recommendations that stated annual assessments with a focus on prevention were much more effective at preventing medical complications than periodic physical exams.

The Army will track the effectiveness of the PHA in the coming years to determine how beneficial it is to decreasing serious cardiovascular problems and other medical conditions.

Medical Protection System provides the ability for commanders to track and manage the compliance for the PHA.

Resources: The Web site for commanders to register for access to MEDPROS is: apps.meds.army.mil/MEDPROS/Secured. Information for Soldiers is also available on Winn's Web site www.winn.amedd.army.mil. For more information call 435-5296.



Medical Activity holds change of responsibility ceremony at Winn

Ann Erickson

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis E. Irizarry, left, receives the noncommissioned officers sword from Col. John P. Collins, right, during the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Assumption of Responsibility ceremony held at Winn Army Community Hospital, Aug. 5. Irizarry replaces Master Sgt. Damon Williams as the MEDDAC Command Sergeant Major.

Eat healthy while traveling

Special to the Frontline

When Families are on the go, it can be tempting to resort to eating overpriced junk food.

There are cheap, easy and healthy snacks that can be made ahead of time.

There is no need to resort to the drive-through or gas station. Just follow simple ideas for snacks that are healthy, inexpensive, and can be grabbed as you head out the door. When making healthy snacks, try to:

- Look for foods that are as fresh and as unprocessed as possible.
- Make it yourself so you can control quality and contents. You can do this a couple days ahead of time for a trip, or each weekend to last you through a busy week.
- Package the snacks in small, portable containers like zippered plastic bags or inexpensive bowls with lids.
- Strive for a balance of carbohydrates, fat, protein and fiber. This will ensure a stable blood sugar level, which is good for

everyone. Good examples are celery with peanut butter, cheese and crackers, or tortilla chips and bean dip.

- Keep some of your snacks on hand at all times so you aren't tempted by less healthy foods or to leave the house with no snacks.

- If you are forced to visit a fast-food restaurant or convenience store, you will have few healthy choices, so make your selections carefully.

- Make the healthy snacks in bulk ahead of time, if possible. If you can make something that freezes, it will last even longer. Keep a bunch frozen, then pull out the night before as needed.

- Make the kid snacks fun, so your child will actually eat them. There is no health benefit to uneaten food. Try using large cookie cutters on sandwiches or putting "faces" on snacks with raisins and cereal.

For travel, pack several servings of the snacks into a small, insulated tote. This will allow you to keep them cool and within easy reach.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

July 17

Leland Jon Kaihiwaiakane Kanei Vadez, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pvt. Jonathan L. Valdez and Tiare Lynn K.K. Valdez.

July 20

Callie Jane Oslin, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Steve Oslin Jr. and Meghan J. Oslin.

Emily Brook Williams, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Steven Williams and Lisa Williams.

July 21

Janiya Joy Gundy, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Jabah L. Gundy and Kosha Y. Gundy.

July 23

Koniger Ray Pritchett, a boy, 10 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Tim Pritchett and Jeana Pritchett.

July 24

Ethan Hollis Hendricks, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason Wayne Hendricks and Misty

Michelle Hendricks.

July 26

Keyon'Dre Lee King, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Milton Lee King and Lavsha Shantell King.

July 28

Darrien Odane Forbes, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Oneco Forbes and Spc. Lorie Forbes.



Winn Briefs

Vet clinic number changes

The Veterinary Clinics at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have a new phone for appointments. Treatment at both facilities is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 435-6633 and say Veterinary Clinic. For more information, call 767-4194.

Update DEERS

Update DEERS to receive healthcare. Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinics use DEERS information to contact you regarding referrals and appointments.

DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm or stopping by Building 253 on Fort Stewart.

Women wellness Center moves

In preparation to serve you better, Winn Army Community Hospital's Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN Clinic has relocated to a transition building at 1220 Niles Ave., building CT004, behind Winn's Emergency Department.

Labor and Delivery and the Mother Baby Unit will still remain on the 4th floor of Winn. For more information, call 435-6633.

Behavioral Health moved

Winn Army Community Hospital's Behavioral Health Clinic is now located at 1083 Worcester Ave., building 9242

Fort Stewart, across the street from Winn. For more information, call 767-1647.

Behavioral Health helps Family

Behavioral Health services for Family Members are available at either Value-Options TRICARE at 1-877-298-3514 or Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647. Retirees requesting service may call Value-Options TRICARE at 1-800-700-8646.

Get new student screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed.

Winn Army Community Hospital wants to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year.

Dental screenings are available Monday to Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1, Fort Stewart. For more information, call 767-8513.

Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m.

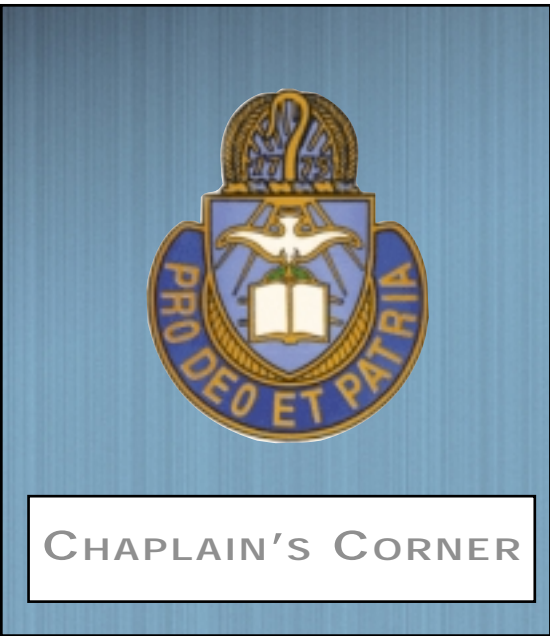
For more information, call Winn's Allergy and Immunization Clinic at 435-6633. Please bring child's shot records.

Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye and ear screening, call the appointment line, 435-6633.

Sport physicals are by appointment only in the Family Practice and Pediatrics Clinics.

To schedule a sports physical, call 435-6633.

You can't marry Jethro without the Clampettes



Chap. (Capt) Phillip Raybon
92nd Engineer Battalion Chaplain

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.” **Genesis 2:24 NIV.**

I have conducted many marriage counseling sessions. Marriage is a divine institution that was created by God. Sadly, many couples view their marriage as anything but divine and thus trouble seems inevitable. Why do we see so many troubled marriages today? I would like to look at one disturbing trend that complicates marriage and that is the in-laws and in some cases out-laws of the Family.

I am amazed to see how many peo-

ple marry the person of their dreams but they cannot stand their spouse's Family. When I conduct a pre-marriage counseling session, one of the first questions I ask is how do your parents and your future spouse's parents feel about this blessed union called marriage. I have had some couples who said their parents were against the marriage. Tragically, some couples tell me that they cannot stand their in-laws and thus this hatred becomes a point of friction. It's time to reverse this trend.

Now some may ask this question, “Does the Bible provide guidance on how we are to treat our spouse's Family?” Obviously, the answer to this question is yes.

Genesis 2:24 teaches us that when

a man and woman marry, they become one flesh. Therefore, our spouse's Family is an inseparable part of the marriage union and they should be treated with love and respect.

In the book of **Ruth**, we can see a beautiful model of how we are to treat our in-laws. Ruth was a widow who forsook her own needs in order to take care of her mother-in-law Naomi, who was also a widow.

The biblical mandate has not changed, honor your father and mother and that includes the in-laws and out-laws of the Family. Remember, whether you are dating, engaged or already married, “You can't marry Jethro without getting the Clampettes”.

Chapel Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza
Sunday • 6:30 to 8 p.m.
at the Stewart Youth Activity Center,
building 7338.

For more information,
call **877-7207**

Chaplains Corps overcomes barriers, turn 233

Pat Young
Managing Editor

Although the Chaplain Corps' official birthday is July 27, the installation unit ministry team will celebrate the Chaplain's 233 years of service Friday at the Army Community Services pavilion. Community members are invited 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to attend the birthday celebration. A most notable story of one of the Army's first chaplain's assistants, Spc. Calvin Titus, 14th Infantry Regiment, was told by Spc. Thomas Miller, installation chaplain assistant at a previous birthday celebration.

Miller shared his research regarding Titus, and told how the hero won the Medal of Honor during the Aug. 14, 1904 Boxer Rebellion in China. According to Miller and the U.S. Army chaplain and school Web site at www.usachcs.army.mil, Titus, a young musician who played music for the Soldiers, and assisted the chaplain of the 14th Infantry's regiment, stepped up to a difficult challenge during the Chinese Boxer Rebellion of 1900. Insurgents had taken over the capital city, Peking, and laid siege to the western embassies. Titus's unit, Co. E, 14th Infantry responded, but became pinned down against the wall by heavy rifle-fire.

“The only entrance through the wall was the Tung Pien Gate,” according to William J. Hourihan, Ph.D., and author of ‘Before the Chaplain Assistant’, who wrote about Titus. “The company commander called for a volunteer to scale the fortress wall with a rope. Titus stepped forward saying, ‘I’ll try, Sir.’ With the rope slung over his shoulder, Titus began climbing the wall under fire. Reaching the top he secured the rope and was followed up by men of Company E. After a brief skirmish they took the gate, opened it, and the allied infantry moved into the city.” He helped bring order to the city, saving many lives. For his actions, Titus was

recommended to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. Many years since Titus braved the wall, the roles of chaplains and chaplain's assistants have grown and formalized. Today, chaplains support Soldiers and Family members to transverse many of life's obstacles. The modern chaplain helps Soldiers, Family members, retirees and community members by nurturing the living, administering to the wounded and sick, and honoring the dead. For chaplains, if there is a barrier preventing Soldiers or Family members from reaching their goal, they will grab their spiritual rope, and help scale the wall to help.

Columbia College, Stewart-Hunter team offers degree programs

Dorcee A. Taylor
DHR Marketing Representative

Columbia College had 238 graduates with 72 walking down the aisle at the recent 29th annual commencement exercise, July 24 at the Main Post Chapel. Hank Spencer, the new director for Columbia's Fort Stewart site said he is very proud of these students, a majority of them military. Many took courses while deployed and were thrilled to have completed their degree goal. Columbia boasts 32 other nationwide campuses 17 of which are on Army installations. Many degrees are available through the internet on-line campus. Unique to most higher learning institutions is that Columbia College accepts all recommended credit for

training and service schools as reflected on the Army/American Council on Education registry transcript system. The school also will accept all College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests exams. Another big plus is that unlike a majority of colleges that require 30 semester hours residency towards a bachelors degree, Columbia only requires 24 semester hours (eight classes). These Soldier-friendly perks are some of the reasons why Columbia College was asked to offer Associate and bachelor degree programs at Fort Stewart and Hunter in 2001. The degree programs conducted on post are: Associate and Bachelors Degrees in General Studies; Associate in Science and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration; and Associate in Science,

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Courses can be taken both in the classroom or on-line. Spencer would like you to know about the great Spouse opportunities available with Columbia College. Spouses of active duty military can take their first on-campus (in-seat) course with Columbia for free if they have been admitted to the college and are pursuing a degree. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for all in-seat classes to spouses of active duty, guard and reserve military personnel. For details, go to www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp. For more information on Columbia, click on www.ccis.edu. You may arrange a meeting with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Human Resource meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president at 876-3564.

DAU offers learning opportunities

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the Department of Defense requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years.

The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the community. DAU would like to introduce Continuous Learning Modules online classes. Learn more at *clc.dau.mil*.

Take time to relax, go fishing

The Liberty County Bass Club is looking for community members who enjoy fishing. The club is a diverse group of anglers who know where the good fishing spots are or want to know. The LCBC meets at Hinesville City Hall the first Thursday of the month. Activities include participation in the Georgia Top Six

Tournament each year, and hosts frequent local tournaments. For more information, call 320-2315.

Enjoy summer activities in Statesboro

Splash in the Boro is now open. The Raptor Center at Georgia Southern has opened their new wetlands wildlife exhibit and the museum has a new adventure maze that will challenge you to explore Georgia's different habitats.

Wind down in the evenings at Meinhardt Vineyards and Winery and get a taste of their new wine, Mill Creek!

Live Oak Public Libraries' programs

Live Oak Public Libraries' Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library includes:

Preschool Story time: Join us for stories, songs, and more each Monday, 10:30 a.m. at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children three to four years old.

Tree Tots Storytime: Join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for ages one to two years old.

Notice of Washington Ave road closure

East Washington Avenue will remain closed for utility work between U.S. Highway 84 (Oglethorpe

Highway) and Bradwell Street (south) until Sept. 16. This closure is intended to limit future closures and expedite the construction process.

Mama Turn the Radio On comes to stage

Donald Lovette and Love-it-productions presents the play, 'Mama Turn the Radio On,' 6 p.m., Aug. 15 at Brewton-Parker College Auditorium. Tickets for red carpet night are \$20; the community showcase is 7 p.m., Aug. 16 for \$10. In addition, the show will be presented 5 p.m., Aug. 17 for \$10 at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church at 809 Frank Cochran Drive for the grand finale. For questions, please call 977-3293.

Take a trip to Walt Disney World

Walt Disney World presents "Welcome Home Marne Division" a special package scheduled for Aug. 30 to Sept. 4.

As a member of 3rd Infantry Division, Disney is offering you and your dependents a special "Welcome Home Marne Division" package offer at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

Special Package includes: Special rates at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Special Park Hopper ticket rate, VIP Welcome Home event scheduled for Aug. 31; and Epcot Dessert Party just for Marne Division.

Visit *www.disneyurl.com/Welcomehome*.

Enjoy Family-fun activities at 2008 Wiregrass Festival

Special to the Frontline

The Fifth Annual Wiregrass Festival co-sponsored by the Reidsville Lions Club, the Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce and the Wiregrass Festival Committee is shaping up to be a fun-filled day loaded with activities the entire Family, especially the children, can enjoy. The festival is to be held Sept. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday at the beautiful Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park in Reidsville.

The festival will kick off with the Wiregrass Festival Parade that will go through downtown Reidsville and on to the Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park, which begins at 10 a.m. If you are interested in participating in the parade or in any of the other festivities, please visit our Web site at *www.wiregrassfestival.com*.

Starting at noon at the lake there will be Paddle Boat Races hosted by the Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park. There will be four-member teams and a fight to the finish! There is a certain father and three sons from the Cobbtown area who have issued a challenge that no one in Tattnall County can "touch this..." We encourage the rest of the county to accept their challenge!

In order to participate you must be 12 years old and the best part is there is no charge for the boat

races. You can register at the park office the day of the festival. Should you have question regarding the races, call the park office at 557-7744.

The 3nd Annual Diaper Derby will be held at 2 p.m. in the stage area. The Diaper Derby proved to be a hit at last year's show. The race is open to all crawling babies no older than 15 months on the day of the race. The babies will line up in a straight line and their parents or guardians can stand on either end and encourage the babies to crawl faster, faster, faster with such enticements as toys, foods or bottles. After the race begins, adults may not cross over or onto the racetrack and may not touch the baby until the race has finished or the baby is disqualified. Any baby that stands and takes one step is, also, disqualified. The time limit of each race will be 5 minutes. In the event no baby reaches the finish line in the time limit, the closest baby to the end wins. The number of heat groups will be determined by the number of entries in the contest. First, second and third place winners in each heat will receive ribbons and all first place winners will advance to the final heat. The final heat winners will be competing for the title, "Lil' Wiregrass Diaper Derby Baby" and a Grand Prize Package for the baby and parents (over \$150 value).

The registration fee for the Diaper Derby is \$2. You can call Sue or Dean Miller at 557-6822 or the

Chamber of Commerce office at 557-6323 or Jennifer Johnson with Tattnall Healthcare at 557-4345 for a registration form. The forms will be also be available on the day of the festival at the registration table up until 1:30 p.m.

Additionally, the festival will have a full petting zoo, brought to us by Little People Petting Zoo and Train Ride, owned and operated by Montine Hall of Jennings, Fla. The zoo includes guinea pigs, baby sheep, rabbits, hamsters, baby goats, baby chickens and guineas, among others. Petting zoos have been shown to be a great crowd pleaser, for children and parents.

There will be a wide array of Arts and Crafts booths as well as food vendors with everything from fried corn to burgers and fries and funnel cake.

Another popular addition to the festival last year was the wrestling exhibitions by the United Christian Wrestling Federation out of Lyons, Ga. The crowd joined into the fun of the matches by booing the bad guys and hooraying the good ones!

The cost for entry into the park is \$5 per car, but if you show an active military ID there is no charge.

For more information on any of these activities, please call Jeanette DeLoach at the Tattnall Bank at 557-4381 or the Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce office at 557-6323 or David Avery at 288-1132.

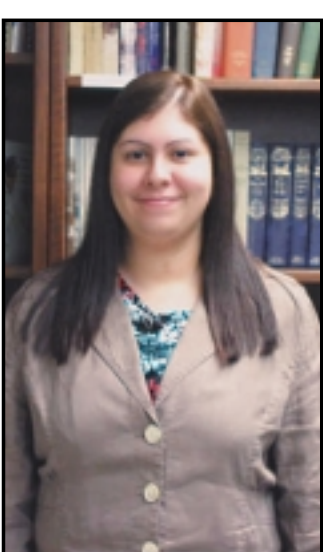
AE Hellboy II: The Golden Army, Reviewed

Commentary by:
Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

Dark Horse Comics is a leading American comic book publisher just behind the powerhouses of Marvel and D.C. Comics. Hellboy is a Dark Horse Comic character, which first debuted at San Diego's renowned Comic Con in 1993 as the brainchild of writer-artist Mike Mignola. Hellboy is a tall, red-skinned creature that was accidentally pulled to earth from an alternate hell-dimension and was born of Mignola's desire to see a monster as the hero of his own book. HB; as he is sometimes called, was raised by a kind Catholic Professor. As such, the monster learned to love America, respect human nature, and fear his own origins and fate. In the comics and on film, Hellboy is also the key member of the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense, a

government agency protecting the world against the weirdest threats around.

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army" is the sequel of the first HB film. In this installment, HB's secret is out and the public becomes aware of his existence and his mission. Hellboy is doggedly maintaining his relationship with girlfriend Liz Sherman, who is a pyrokinetic, or put more simply, a person who can catch fire at will with no harm to herself. Liz and Abe Sapien, a somewhat psychometric, empathic fish-man, continue to help drive the B.R.P.D. toward keeping the world safe. This time they are joined by one of the comic's characters; Johann



Krauss. An accident has transformed Krauss into nothing more than a gaseous entity confined to a special suit.

In the first Hellboy film the team battled Nazis, an undead soldier, and a Russian sorcerer, not to mention the monsters he summoned. This time audiences learn that elves and trolls exist and have been long silent due to a centuries old pact to protect humanity. Now an elf prince seeks to break the pact and awaken an unstoppable mechanical army to revive the long silent war between humans and the more spectacular, nature-loving races.

Fans are fortunate to witness the return of Ron Perlman (TV's "Beauty and

the Beast" and "Aliens: Resurrection"), the only man who should ever play HB, and the gorgeous and tough Selma Blair. David Hyde Pierce does not return to voice Abe Sapien, but this does not affect the film much. My worry was that remarkable Mexican director Guillermo del Toro would slide the story right off the deep end with his out of control imagination and scary puppets. Instead the script made a lot of sense. There is some great action, as the elf prince and his amazingly fluid fighting style threaten to steal the show. We continue to see endearing and somehow believable moments between Hellboy and Liz. I don't think filmmakers would have a problem selling a third movie in this unusual, but fun series.

My favorite tidbit was the way del Toro subtly reminds us that HB is a modern Frankenstein's monster and continues the theme of a character embracing humanity.



Step into the
GROOVE

Come check out the
Fort Stewart Enlisted Spouses' Club
and the
Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club
during a night of **food, shopping and fun!**

ESC and OSC are hosting a
membership drive
August 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Club Stewart.





ACS Volunteer

Donnetta Norris

Donnetta Norris, of Dayton, Ohio, is a Family Readiness Group Leader for the 92nd Chemical Company.

She said she volunteers because as her spouse, 92nd Chem commander, takes care of Soldiers she tries to make sure the Families are taken care of.

"Volunteering gives me the opportunity to serve and help others," she said, adding that she likes to interact with the spouses and Families the most.

"I like when we can get together for fun and fellowship and just have a good time while we await our Soldier's return."



Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense civilian employees (NAF and APF) are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's Military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

My Soldier is home, now what do I do?

Come to a free discussion on reintegration and relationships, presented by the Military and Family Life Consultants. Learn how to best prepare for and deal with the changes for you, your children, and your Soldier upon redeployment and develop tools to make the transition a smooth one. Soldiers and spouses are invited to participate at ACS-Hunter, Aug. 4 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The session is also offered at ACS-Stewart Aug. 6 beginning at 10:30 a.m. For directions or information, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart. Also ask about child care.

Manage PCS costs

Planning your expenses during a PCS helps you to avoid pitfalls during your move. Come to the next Financial Planning for PCS Workshop at Hunter, Aug. 2. The session is offered every Thursday at Stewart. Call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register.

Enjoy EFMP bowling

Family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program are invited to EFMP Bowling at Marne Lanes beginning at 6 p.m., Aug. 4. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Army Families and enjoy an evening of active bowling with your Family and the EFMP staff. Please call ACS at 767-5058/5059 to sign up.

New to the installation?

Are you new to the community? ACS Outreach is your one-stop source for information about everything you need to get settled in your new community. A comprehensive Family orientation is held every Tuesday and Thursday where you'll meet representatives from many on-post agencies and service providers. You'll also meet other Soldiers and Families who are new the community. Visit the ACS Outreach office located at the Soldier Service Center, building 253, or call 767-9176.

Get answers to parenting questions

Baby Talk for parents with a newborn, teaches the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant (and yourself), Aug. 4. Mirror Image for parents with children ages 1-5 focuses on the physical, emotional, and social needs of children and how you can help them reach their full potential, August 13.

If you have parenting questions, concerns, or just want to talk to someone, please contact ACS to request a home visit, or stop by your ACS center and ask to speak to a New Parent Support professional. Free educational resources include books, classes and support groups.

To contact New Parent Support or to register for classes, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Learn to manage stress, anger

What triggers your stress? How do you react to an angry person? How does anger affect you? Learn skills to identify stress triggers, methods to manage your emotions, and positive techniques for dealing with anger, either your own or someone else's. Sign up now for the full-day workshop at Stewart, Aug. 5

by calling 767-5058/5059. At Hunter, call 315-6816 to register for the workshop on August 13.

Learn active parenting

Parents with children ages 5-12 are invited to learn discipline strategies, problem-solving skills, and steps to improve communication with your children. Taught by an experienced educator who is also a parent, Active Parenting Now will help strengthen your Family relationships. Held over a three week period (two hours per session), this workshop is a great opportunity to meet other parents who share similar parenting challenges. Please call 767-5058/5059 to register for the workshop at Stewart which begins Aug. 5 and continues Aug. 19 and 26. At Hunter, call 315-6816 to sign up for Active Parenting Now held on Aug. 7, 14 and 21

Moving to Korea or Germany?

Come and learn about your new duty station. You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one. Family members are highly encouraged to attend. Call 767-5058 to register for the Overseas Briefing at Fort Stewart, Aug. 5, or call 315-6816 to sign up for the Aug. 6. briefing at Hunter. Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

Manage your money

Today banks offer a smorgasbord of choices, ranging from the "no-frill" to the more sophisticated high-interest bearing accounts and the complex bank statements can be confusing. You should know how the banking system works, since you're entrusting it with your money. Checkbook Management and Banking Basics teaches you how to manage your checking account, avoid excess fees, and get control of your money. At Hunter, call 315-6816 to register for the banking class, Aug. 6. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the 2-hour class at Stewart, Aug. 22.

Attend FRG basic course

New FRG Leaders are encouraged to attend the upcoming FRG Basic Course, offered at both Stewart and Hunter locations. Topics include an overview of the FRG, tasks during the deployment cycle, expectations and roles for FRG volunteers, communicating with Families, dealing with the media, resources and funding, and more. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the course at Stewart, Aug. 12, or call 315-6816 to register for the session at Hunter, Aug. 25.

Learn basics of investing

Investing is easier than you think. Find out more at the finance workshop Basic Investing, a four-session seminar held Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Aug. 26 at Stewart. You'll learn about the different types of investment options, products, and languages. Call ACS at 767-5058/5059 to register.

Attend Employment Workshop Series

ACS introduces a new Employment Workshop Series beginning in August at both Stewart and Hunter locations. Designed to help you succeed in your employment search, a series of classes are scheduled back-to-back, giving you the option of attending all five sessions in one day, or choosing to register only for those sessions that meet your needs. The scheduled classes include Goal Setting, Career Planning, Computer Literacy, Resume Writing, and Dress for Success. The workshops will be held Aug. 5 at Hunter and will repeat Aug. 6 at Stewart beginning at 9 a.m.

The Employment Workshop Series continues with Employment and Career Orientation, Military Spouse Employment Orientation, and Insider's Tips to Resumix on Aug. 12 at Hunter and Aug. 13 at Stewart, also beginning at 9 a.m. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to reserve your spot, as seating is limited.

Take a break with EFMP

If you need a break from the demands of caring for your Exceptional Family Member, ask about our

Respite Care program which pays for up to 40 hours each month for those enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Why not take a break and let Respite Care make payment to the provider of your choice?

Early access (before regular hours) for Family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program is offered at both The Springs water spray park and Corkan outdoor pool.

The EFMP early access hours at The Springs are 10 to noon every Tuesday, and early-access hours at the pool are 9 to 11 a.m. every Thursday. Advance registration is not necessary; simply sign in when you arrive. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Family members invited to learn

Family members at Fort Stewart are encouraged to register for free training offered by Army Family Team Building. Living within an Army Family culture can be challenging, and AFTB helps by teaching you the knowledge and skills to thrive in the military lifestyle.

Lead The Way is recommended for those who may assume advisory, mentoring, or leadership roles within the unit and community.

You will learn valuable skills in leadership, managing conflict, problem solving, delegation, meeting management, coaching and mentoring, FRG leadership, communication styles and techniques, and much more, Aug. 6-8.

High school students and spouses will benefit from Instructor Training. Learn presentation skills and methods for delivering outstanding training, Aug. 18-20. These skills can lead to increased success in college and/or career.

Making Army Life Great focuses on topics such as personal development, emerging leadership, time management skills, adapting to change, and more, Aug. 27-29.

Call 767-5058/5059 to register for AFTB classes. Also ask about child care information.

Learn personal money management

First-termer Financial Training (mandatory for E-4) is open to anyone who wants to improve their financial future.

Learn about credit use, managing a bank account, insurance, investments, financial planning for your future, basic car and home buying, bankruptcy and consumer fraud.Call 767-5058/5059 to sign up for the workshop at Stewart, currently offered every Monday through Friday. Seating is limited, so advance sign up is recommended. Call 315-6816 to register for the First Termer's Financial Training class at Hunter, Aug. 5.

Live without debt

Life Without Debt, an educational workshop offered by your Financial Readiness Program is offered at Fort Stewart, Aug. 12.

Learn how it is possible to be free from debt by taking steps to manage your money more effectively. You will learn how to develop an efficient plan to pay off debt and gain an understanding of credit terms.

Financial Readiness introduces a new class this month, Prepare (Now) for the Holidays, giving you ideas for affordable gifts and helping you to develop a gift-giving plan so you won't go broke. By getting a head start on the holidays now, you can look forward to starting the new year with your bank account intact. To register, please call 767-5058/5059.

Need to talk?

When you have a lot on your mind, talking it over with a caring knowledgeable person can really make a difference.

The Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. The Consultants are available at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and they also offer off-post appointments in the local communities. Call 704-9505, 492-6367, or 492-6428 to request an appointment.

Support Groups

Something for Everyone



Army Community Service offers many opportunities to meet other Army Families for support and friendship. For information, call 767-5058 at Fort Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Chill and Chat

To discuss deployment or any other concerns each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court, hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants. Playland is open for the children.

Grandparents and Caregivers Support Group

For those who are taking care of children while their parent is deployed, each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court.

Boot the Baby Blues

For mothers with new babies to discuss post-partum blues and parenting concerns, each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Southern Oaks Community Center. Hosted by the New Parent Support Program.

Hearts Apart

Support and friendship while your loved one is away, held 11 a.m., Wednesday in the Relocation Office, building 443 at Leisure Activities and at Hunter, on the second Tuesday of each month at the Army Community Service, building 1279.

Foreign-Born Spouse Groups

For spouses from other countries who are new to the area to network, share resources, discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the many resources available to help make your new life a positive experience.

Children are welcome. At Hunter, a foreign-born spouse group meets monthly every third Monday at 11 a.m. at ACS-Hunter, building 1279. At Stewart, Grupo Hispano, Hispanic coffee group, held monthly every first Thursday at 1 p.m. and Deutscher Kaffee Klatch, German coffee group, held monthly every second Thursday at 1 p.m.

Both meet at building 443, Leisure Activities in the relocation office.

It's An Exceptional Life

For Families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, held 6 p.m., monthly on the third Thursday at Southern Oaks Community Center. Various presentation topics offered each month.



Photos by Pat Young

Seventeen Soldiers, who together contributed more than 360 years of military service, were honored July 31 during a retirement ceremony held at Club Stewart.

17 heroes begin new voyage at Club Stewart

Pat Young
Managing Editor

More than 300 Family, friends and well wishers attended the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield retirement ceremony held at Club Stewart, July 31.

Attendees witnessed 17 Soldiers and their respective Family members embark on a new chapter of their lives, leaving active duty with more than 360 years of combined service.

Their contributions, dedication, and selfless service were recognized by 3rd Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General for Support, Col. Thomas Vandal, who was on-hand to thank the Soldiers and their

their team effort was easy, and that 167 years was marked by worry, missed birthdays and anniversaries to say the least. He thanked the Families, and the children for their patience and vital support.

Vandal said the Soldiers served the Army in the continental United States as well as overseas in countries such as Germany, Korea, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq and Afghanistan.

Though they signed up for various reasons, Vandal said the retirees at some point in their career made the decision to dedicate their lives to the service of the nation to support and defend the U.S. Constitution.

He said their continued vigilance saw the country through the Cold War, the demise of the Soviet union, and the re-unification of Germany.

"They (retirees) were peace keepers in Europe; and freedom's guardian in South Korea and West Germany," Vandal said. "They helped humanity and supported ally nations in central America in places such as Honduras and in Panama." He said the Soldiers fought tyranny and oppression in places like Bosnia, Kosov, Haiti, and Kuwait, helping ensure the people in war torn countries.

Vandal said Since September 11, 2001 Soldiers have fought the Global War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"For most people, they wake up wondering if they have made a difference in this life; for these Dog Face Soldiers, they can rest assured they have," Vandal said. "Not only for your fellow Americans, but for freedom

loving people throughout the world. Each of you have truly helped to make history."

Retiring were:

Lt. Col. Michael Silverman, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 25 years;

Sgt. Maj. Darrell Jordan, Headquarters, and Headquarters Support Company, Special Troops Battalion, 26 years;

Master Sgt. Alejandro Lewis, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 27 years;

Master Sgt. Russell North, 385th Military Police; 23 years;

Master Sgt. John Sannicolas, United States Army Garrison Stewart-Hunter, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Trina Hinds, USAG Stewart-Hunter, 25 years;

Sgt. 1st Class William Underwood, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 24 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Robinson, Non-commissioned Officer Academy, 24 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Kelton McLaurin, Special Troops Battalion, 23 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Robbie Motley, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Jones, V Corps, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Annette Guillory, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie Ducree, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Leo Rachmel, Headquarters and Headquarters Operation Company, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class Sean Bogle, 5/7 Cav., 21 years;

Sgt. 1st Class James Aikens, 1st BCT, 20 years; and

Staff Sgt. Antonio Harris, 434th Field Artillery, 20 years.

Not in attendance was **Sgt. 1st Class Gilbert Postell**, HHC, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 20 years.



Sgt. 1st Class Annette Guillory (center), 3rd SB is joined by Family, friends, and members of the 135th Quartermaster Company in a photo on the occasion of her retirement, July 31 at Club Stewart.

Families. Vandal also noted the sacrifice made by the Soldiers and their Family members, who together represented more than 167 years of marriage. Vandal said

made a difference in this life; for these Dog Face Soldiers, they can rest assured they have," Vandal said. "Not only for your fellow Americans, but for freedom

Take time, make your vote count

Special to the Frontline

Soldiers and Family members at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are encouraged to make your vote count. Go to the poll or vote absentee.

Learn about opportunities available by consulting your unit voting representatives or by going online at www.fvap.gov.

Several important dates to remember are Armed Forces Voters Week, which runs from Aug. 31-Sept. 7; and Absentee Voting Week, Oct. 12-18. According to the Web site, absentee voting is a four step process:

Step 1 - Complete and mail the Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76), Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Form.

Step 2 - Local election official approves your registration request or

requests further information.

Step 3 - Local Election Official mails your absentee ballot.

Step 4 - Vote and mail the absentee ballot to the local election official in time to meet state deadlines.

In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for you to keep their local election official informed of address changes.

If you haven't received your ballot, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

Voter Assistance Officers are available at all units. They can assist voters

with the voting application process and reference materials.

VA officers provide only non-partisan voting procedures and information and do not distribute literature from candidates, political parties, or partisan organizations.

Presidential primaries continue with various states going to the polls through October, according to www.fvap.gov.

To learn more, contact your unit voting assistance officer. To vote in November elections, Soldiers must send their Federal Post Card Application, no later than Sept. 15.

Editor's Note: Many states have already held their primaries; however, voting continues with the following states and throughout the absentee voting process.

Aug. 12: Colorado, Connecticut and Nevada;

Aug. 19: Washington State and Wyoming;

Aug. 26: Alaska and Florida;

Sept. 2: Arizona;

Sept. 3: Virgin Island;

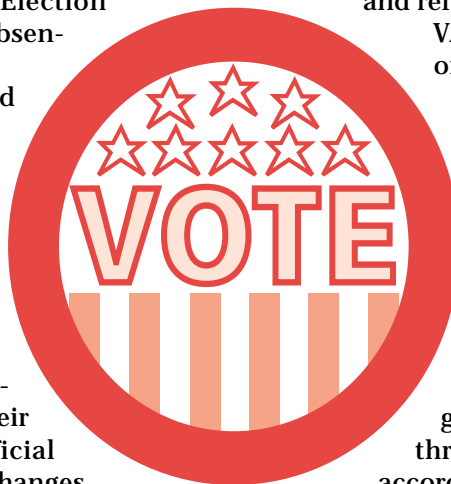
Sept. 6: Guam;

Sept. 9: Delaware, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin;

Sept. 16: Massachusetts;

Sept. 20: Hawaii; and

Oct. 4: Louisiana.



Community partnership provides three-day discount information fair

Bob Mathews

MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

The GM Military Discount Tour is on the road again after spending three days providing Fort Stewart Soldiers and Family members with information about discounts available to them as Warriors serving their country.

The GM tour convoy also left behind a dream: someone from Fort Stewart who registered might be the win-

ner of a 2009 Pontiac G8 GT or a trip for two to either Super Bowl XLIII or the Daytona 500 offered in the nationwide tour's "Big Choice Sweepstakes." Winners will be announced in January 2009.

The U.S. Army Family, Morale and Welfare Command's Recreation Directorate presented the commercially sponsored event hosted by Fort Stewart's MWR. Fort Stewart is one of eight host Army installations.

Richard Phillips oversaw the Aug. 1-3 Fort Stewart event in the Post Exchange parking lot as a marketing specialist with the Performance Marketing Group Inc.

"We're here to help the Soldiers after they have done so much for us. We want to make them aware of discounts that are available to them. GM wants to show their thankfulness and appreciation." Phillips said on the event opening day.

Tom Hoffman, a marketing specialist who works closely with Phillips, said, "Friday (Aug. 1) was the best Friday we've ever had" referring to the 280 registered here at Fort Stewart on that day, since the nationwide tour began in mid-June.

Saturday (Aug. 2) and Sunday (Aug. 3) were "about average," he said. The weekend registration total was expected to

reach nearly 500. "Everyone, from MWR and the consumers at Fort Stewart, treated us very well."

Although no cars were displayed at Hunter Army Airfield, Soldiers did have an opportunity to register to win the prizes and to learn more about the GM discount program. A registration booth was staffed at the Commissary during the same days and hours as at Fort Stewart.

Phillips had said Aug. 1 that the Corvette and the Saturn Sky convertible were the tour "stars" on previous stops. The two cars obviously were popular at Fort Stewart.

But Soldiers and their Family members had their own favorites.

Specialist Helder Pondja and his wife, Cori, were looking at the Saturn Vue.

"Even though the gas prices are high, I'm looking for an SUV," Pondja said.

Staff Sgt. James A. Scott admired the Pontiac G8 GT on display in the registration tent. But another favorite, he added, was the Cadillac CTS on display.

Specialist Wanda Holter and her husband, David, browsed among the vehicles.

"We're just comparing prices, seeing what kind of discounts they are offering. I just bought a car last year from Ford, so I'm here to compare prices. I came out yesterday (Aug. 1) and looked around and decided to come back today with my husband and look around."



Bob Mathews

GM representative Cristina DeFrancesco, center, lends a hand in the registration process, Aug. 1.